

14th ANNUAL WESTERN REGIONAL GIRLS SILVER STICK® TOURNAMENT

October 15-18, 2026 - Westminster, Colorado

Tournament Rules

1. Tournament applications will be accepted until Sunday, September 20, 2026, or until the division has been filled.
2. **Western Regional Girls Silver Stick® champions agree to attend the International Silver Stick® Finals. Teams in the 19U AA and 19U A divisions do not have a Silver Stick® Finals and are excluded from this requirement.** To maintain competitiveness, US teams may be placed at a different level for the finals.
3. This tournament is a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament and open to properly registered USA Hockey teams. Team selection for this regional tournament is determined by the tournament directors and their decision is final.
4. Each participating team must present their official (1-T) USAH roster to the tournament director two (2) weeks before the tournament. This official roster will be used to ensure each team and player is properly registered with USA Hockey. Each player listed on the game sheet roster (i.e. GameSheet) must be listed on the USAH 1-T roster.
5. Non-US teams must present their travel permit two (2) weeks before the tournament
6. A player can only participate on a single team in the tournament. If a player is listed on multiple USA Hockey (1-T) rosters that are registered in the tournament, the player must play on the higher-level team (defined as older age division, followed by AA vs A, etc). If a player is rostered on multiple teams, the tournament director must be notified of this situation prior to the first game.
7. USA Hockey 2025-29 and CAHA rules will apply to all play except as noted herein.
8. Per USA Hockey rules, mouth guards and neck guards are required for all players.
9. The USAH Sanctioned Tournament Safe Sport Program Protocol will be adhered to.
10. All officials will be USA Hockey registered officials.
11. The divisions will include: 10U A, 12U A & B, 14U AA, 16U AA & A, and 19U AA & A.

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12. As specified by International Silver Stick®, all divisions shall be comprised of a minimum of four (4) teams.
13. There is a four-game guarantee for this tournament. No team will play more than six games.
14. Each team is allowed one time out per game.
15. The ice will be resurfaced before every game. There is no resurfacing of the ice between periods.
16. All games will have a 3-minute warm-up. All games will be stop clock and game times are as follows:

Age Division	Game Format
10U A	3, 12-minute periods
12U A & B	3, 12-minute periods
14U AA & A	3, 15-minute periods
16U AA & A	3, 15-minute periods
19U AA & A	3, 15-minute periods

17. If there is a four goal or more differential in the third period, the clock will become run time. There will be no run time in the semifinals or championship games.
18. Only semifinals and championship games will have overtime.
 - a. The overtime period for semifinal and championship games are sudden death. The overtime periods will be 5-minute stop clock. Goalies will NOT change ends.
 - b. A shootout will occur if the teams are still tied after overtime. Goalies will go back to their home net. Shootouts will consist of three players and a goaltender from each team. The coach will present a list to the referee with the order of the shooters. The home team will shoot first. The team with the most goals after three shooters will be declared the winner.
 - c. If the teams are still tied, the shootout will continue using one additional skater from each team until a winner is determined. If all players on one team have shot, then shooters will continue in the same order as they shot previously.

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19. Organization of divisions will be determined based on the number of teams registered and accepted. Depending on the number of participating teams in a specific division, there may be multiple round-robin groups per divisions. The divisions below are to be used as examples only. The tournament reserves the right to have divisions other than the ones shown below.
- a. 10 Team Divisions: Split into two – five team groups. Round robin format – each team plays the teams in their group (four games). The top two teams per group advance to the semifinals. The winners of the semifinal games advance to the championship game.
 - b. 5 Team Divisions: Round robin format – each team plays all other teams (four games). All teams are then ranked in order based on the points accumulated in pool play. The top four teams advance to the semifinal games. The winners of the semifinal games advance to the championship game.
 - c. Single Divisions: Teams will play four games against other teams in the division. All teams are then ranked in order based on the points accumulated in pool play. The top four teams advance to the semifinal games. The winners of the semifinal games advance to the championship game.
20. Points for each game will be awarded as follows:
- a. Win: 2 points
 - b. Tie: 1 point
 - c. Loss: 0 points
21. Tie-breaking procedure:
- a. Points
 - b. Head-to-head (only if two teams are tied)
 - c. Goal differential: Subtracting goals-against from goals-scored, all games considered, the team with best +/- rating being ranked highest. The maximum goal differential per game is +/- 4. For example, a team that wins a game 7-2 will only be credited with +4, even though their goal differential is +5. The losing team will be assessed a -4 for the game. Head-to-head results will not factor back in when more than two teams are tied in points. All teams will be ranked and seed based on this tie-breaker.
- If still tied:
- d. Fewest goals against
 - e. Most goals for
 - f. The team with the fewest penalty minutes.
 - g. Coin toss.

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22. All teams must have a home (dark) and away (light) set of jerseys. Please bring both jerseys to all games in case of changes.

23. Registration fees are due no later than September 28, 2025. Cost of Registration:

Age Division	Cost of Registration
10U A	\$1810
12U A & B	\$1810
14U AA	\$2210
16U AA & A	\$2210
19U AA & A	\$2210

24. No refunds will be given once a team has been notified of acceptance.

25. No admission fee for spectators.

26. Players should be at the arena 1 hour prior to game time and be ready to go on the ice at the scheduled game time for the 3-minute warm-up.

27. Round robin/pool play games will start on Thursday afternoon, Oct 15, 2026. Only local teams would potentially play on Oct 15. All out of state teams must be available to play in the morning of Oct 16 at 8 am. Semifinal and final games will be played on Sunday, Oct 18, 2026.

28. If a player is injured and play stopped, the injured player must leave the ice until the completion of the ensuing face-off.

29. Any articles (except hats for hat tricks) thrown on the ice, or any abusive conduct by spectators will result in immediate ejection from the arena and the tournament. Failure to comply will result in the offending team forfeiting the game.

30. No noise devices allowed. This includes, but is not limited to bells and horns.

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31. All teams must furnish their own penalty box attendant (attendant must be 18 years of age or older). The tournament will assume responsibility for time keeping and official scoring.
32. We recommend that each team bring their own warm up pucks for games. For teams traveling, warm up pucks (a bag of 25 pucks) will be available on a deposit basis for \$50. If pucks are not returned by the end of the tournament, the deposit will not be returned.
33. Locker rooms- The head coach is responsible for the locker room. If the head coach is not present, the assistant coach assumes responsibility. This responsibility cannot be delegated to a parent or team volunteer. A parent may check out the key, but ultimately the head coach is responsible for the locker room conditions and activities within the locker room.
34. Should any player or team willfully damage any property at any ice facility, all cost for repairs or replacement shall be paid by the team concerned. Arrangements for restitution shall be made immediately with the rink management. Notice of such damage will be given to the tournament directors to determine if removal of the player and/or team from the tournament is appropriate. Any profanity or abusive behavior towards rink personnel or tournament officials will result in immediate ejection from the rinks and tournament.
35. Decisions of the referees and tournament director are final. No protests are allowed.
36. Attribution of goals and assists is final upon completion and signature of game sheet from on-ice official. Requests to change scoresheets are not permitted.
37. Any team (CAHA registered or otherwise) which enters this tournament and fails to appear on time for a scheduled game, forfeits a game, or fails to provide a valid roster signed and sealed by their USA Hockey Registrar to the tournament director prior to the team's first game will be subject to:
 - a. Forfeit of scheduled games as determined by the tournament director.
 - b. Pay for all expenses, including but not limited to referee fees and ice costs for all forfeited games.
 - c. Denied entry in any Colorado tournaments for the remainder of the season and in the case of a CAHA team, any approved travel permits will be rescinded.
 - d. Tournament director is required to notify the CAHA VP of any team who fails to appear for a scheduled game within 24 hours of the infraction.
38. A tournament and/or game suspensions will be issued in the following cases:

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- a. Any player issued a fighting penalty (tournament suspension)
 - b. Any player or coach receiving a match penalty (tournament suspension)
 - c. Any player issued 4 penalties in the same game will be removed from the remainder of that game and the next game.
 - d. Any team who receives 12 or more penalties in one game will result in the suspension of the head coach for the next game.
39. The tournament staff has the right to change a game time or rink assignment if circumstances beyond their control occur (IE-weather, loss of the availability of the rink, loss of power, etc.).
40. All first-place teams will receive a team trophy, championship banner, champion pins, champion medals, and invitation to the International Silver Stick® Finals. The second-place teams will receive a finalist banner and finalist medals. All players and coaches will receive a participation pin.
41. Game Sheets scoring systems will be used and uploaded following the completion of the games. Results will be posted to the CAHA Electronic Scoring System within 24 hours of game completion. Teams must provide the tournament directors with jersey numbers of all players and designate goalies no later than Saturday October 10, 2026.